

REMARKS**Claims.**

Pending Office Action, paragraph 4. The Examiner objected to the absence of "and" after the last semi-colon in claims 1 and 10 and the claims dependent thereon. In the currently amended claims 1 and 10, the word "and" has been inserted.

Pending Office Action, paragraph 5. The Examiner rejected claims 17-20 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner indicated that it was unclear to him how, in claim 17, the preamble objective of a "method for removing a subject board from the system while the application is running" is accomplished by the recited method steps. With respect, the same objective is found in all three pending independent claims, and applicant considers them to distinctly claim the subject matter which it regards as its invention. The claimed methods relate to, and in particular, facilitate the removal of a subject board in a "hotswap" situation, and is not concerned about how the subject board is in fact removed (whether by hand, by machine, or by any method chosen by the user). In any case, the preamble objective of independent claims 1, 10 and 17 are currently amended to make abundantly explicit, and eliminate any possible ambiguity, that the claimed invention *facilitates* the removal of the subject board.

Pending Office Action, paragraph 6. The Examiner considered claims 1-16 and 17-20 to be allowable over the prior art of record if amended to satisfy the objections and rejections in paragraph 4 and 5 respectively. In view of the current amendments and the above remarks, allowance of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

Specification

Summary of Invention. Paragraph [0004] of the specification has been amended to align with (currently amended) claim 17. New paragraphs [0004.1] and [0004.2] have been inserted in alignment with (currently amended) claims 1 and 10. No new matter is involved.

Pending Office Action, paragraphs 2-3. Examiner's objections to the specification and drawings are appreciated by applicant. There appears to be confusion about the status of what Examiner considers "three figures (page numbers 10h-j)". As seen in the published application no. 2005/0080971 A1, the drawings, FIGS. 1 and 2, are identified by the specification (paragraphs [0005] to [0007]), as such. Applicant requests respectfully Examiner to wait for a telephonic discussion to clarify this issue, which applicant will initiate in early September.

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For support of the authority of the undersigned, please refer to the communications submitted in conjunction with applicant/assignee's Petition under 37 CFR 137(B) (which was granted by decision mailed May 2, 2007)

Finally, there was a corporate reorganization last month involving applicant/assignee and this application, and the appropriate documents will be filed soon and separately from this amendment to reflect the effect of the reorganization.

Respectfully,



Spectrum Signal Processing Inc.
Per: Douglas Atterbury, Vice-President of Engineering

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